(SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI) (a) and (b) Some representations have been received which are still under consideration.

Refusal of Visas to Delegates of international Dental Council by Pakistan Embassy

3662. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Hindu on the 20th November, 1987 that about one hundred Indian delegates to the Third Pakistan International Dental Council inaugurated at Karachi on the 26th November, 1987 have been refused visas by the Pakistan Embassy in Delhi and the Consulate in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for such refusal and reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since no delegation was officially sponsored by India and since no complaints of non-grant of visas were received by us from the dentists concerned, the question of Government's reaction to this matter does not arise.

Provision of Financial Resources to Scientific Research and Development Institution etc.

3663. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide any financial resources to scientific research and development institutions and laboratories in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the funds provided to such institutions over the past three years, institution-wise and year wise;

(c) whether any products based on research and development efforts of such institutions over the past three years, are being commercially marketed;

(d) if so, what are the details of the sales turnover of such products, product-wise; and

(e) what is the average, per scientist, annual expenditure in each of the CSIR and ICMR institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Function Organised in the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad

3664. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) has been established in Hyderabad as a CSIR Institution, with funds provided by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of funds provided to the CCMB by the CSIR and other Government departments/agencies: year-wise;

(c) whether the CCMB had organised a function recently, lasting for about two weeks in which scientists from all over India and abroad were invited;

(d) if so, the list of scientists invited and the expenditure incurred on each scientist and honorarium paid to them, item-wise;

(e) whether Government are aware of the reports published in newspapers recently that the CCMB has

lavishly furnished its facilities, including a guest House, bar and party lounge for 1000 persons at a time; and

(f) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The budget of CCMB for the last five years is as follows:

Year	*Rs. lakhs*
1982-83	318
1983-84	320
1984-85	400
1985-86	570
1986-87	465

The budget was provided for by CSIR and includes Rs. 86 lakhs received from the National Biotechnology Board for the years 1985-86.

(c) CCMB had organised scientific meetings for a period of two weeks on the occasion of the dedication of its new building complex.

(d) About 470 scientists participated in the meetings. The invitees were provided free accommodation, and the speakers from abroad were paid an honorarium of Rs 150/- per day.

(e) and (f) Some reports to this effect have appeared in certain newspapers. There is, however, no truth in such reports in as much as there does not exist any bar nor any party lounge as reported There is a guest house as in the case of most CSIR Laboratories and other scientific agencies.

Racket Sending Small Children to Haj for Alms

3665. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a racket operating mainly from Bombay and Murshidabad district of West Bengal, in sending small children to Haj for a highly lucrative alms racket utilising poor and handicapped peasants as beggars;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than hundred beggars have been deported to India recently by the Saudi Arabia; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken to unearth the racket which was going on in sending the children and handicapped peasants as beggars in Saudi Arabia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNINSTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government is aware that some persons visiting Saudi Arabia at the time of the Haj pilgrimage have been found to be begging and have consequently been deported by the Saudi authorities. The number of such persons deported this year is not known Government are in touch with Haj organisations and Saudi representatives in India to ensure that such persons are not permitted to go on Haj pilgrimages in future.

Further talks with China

3666 SHRI V NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1295 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th November, 1987 and state.

(a) whether Government propose to hold further talks with the Chinese Government on the border dispute; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be held?